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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 5, please amend the paragraph beginning "This is a continuation..." as follows:

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 This is a continuation of International Patent Application PCT/EP00/04468, filed May 17, 2000 and published in German, which claims priority to German application number 19922863.9, filed May 19, 1999, and German application number 19926879.7, filed June 12, 1999. The German applications are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

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